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Minutes

of the

Hopewell No. 2

Association

of

Free Will Baptists

1966

34th Annual Session

Convened At Camp Grounds—Pruitt City, Oklahoma

August 18, 19, 20, 1966

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OFFICERS

Bro. Fellabaum
 -Rev. Harry Stares, 2600 West-Beech; AL-5-1789 Moderator
Bro. Ricky Duman
 Rev. A. L. McAffrey, 219 S. 6th, Healdton; BA 9-0397 .. Asst. Moderator
Bro. Cox
 Valma-McAffrey, 219 S. 6th, Healdton. BA 9-0397 Clerk
Bro. Phoebe
 Rev. Doyle-Cox, 1302 W. 13th, Sulphur ;NA 2-5526 Asts. Clerk
Bro. Deathredge
 -Rev. Bill Riffer, Box 146, Ringling NO 2-2432 *asst* Treasurer
 Charlene Ingram, 611 Carter, Healdton; BA 9-1465 ~~Asst.~~ Treasurer
Bro. Cooksey
 -Rev. Ward Fellabaum, Ratliff City. 856-3614 Parliamentarian
 Rev. Rex Weatherman,
 1713 Tower Drive, Ardmore; CA 3-6765 .. Asst. Parliamentarian

DISTRICT OFFICERS Executive Board

Zelous Chaduion 5 years
 Jerry Rhodes 4 years
 Marlin Bivens 3 years
 Beryl Blair 2 years
 C. C. Higgins 1 year

Credential Board

-Harry Stares... *Bro. Cox* 3 years
 A. L. McAffrey... *Cooksey* 2 years
 Doyle Cox... *Neal Smith* 1 year

Camp Ground Board

C. C. Higgins 3 years
 M. M. Bivens 2 years
 -Troy-Lewellen .. *Ricky Duman* 1 year

Mission Board

James Deathredge 3 years
 John Woods 2 years
 Jerry Rhodes .. *rested* 1 year

1968 General Board *Bro. Cox*

PROCEEDINGS

The 34th Annual session of the Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist when convened at the Camp Ground, beginning Thursday night, August 18 through August 20, 1966.

Services were opened by Rev. Doyle Cox, singing led by Rev. Burton Perry, Sis. Fredda McClain at the piano. Song: "When I See The Blood."

Prayer by Rev. Rex Weatherman. Specials were brought by the Healdton Quartet (Bro. Marlin Bivens, Bro. Charlene Ingram, Bro. W. A. DeHart, and Rev. Bill Ritter), "Jesus Passed By." Sis. Sutton sang "Trust and Obey." Rev. Burton Perry sang "Unworthy."

Message was brought by Rev. M. L. Sutton of Wichita Falls, Texas, using Romans, 8th chapter, 1 through 7.

Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Marlin Bivens.

Friday Morning, August 19

Services were opened with singing led by Sis. Sue Mullins, Sis. Sandy Davenport at the piano.

Devotion by Rev. Ward Fellabaum, reading 1st John, 4th chapter, 1 through 8.

Prayer by Rev. A. L. McAffrey. Letters were read from 13 churches and delegates seated with handshake.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator	Rev. Harry Stares
Assist. Moderator	Rev. A. L. McAffrey
Clerk	Sis. Valma McAffrey
Asst. Clerk	Rev. Doyle Cox
Treasurer	Rev. Bill Ritter
Asst. Treasurer	Bro. Charlene Ingram
Parliamentarian	Rev. W. W. Fellabaum
Asst. Parliamentarian	Rev. Rex Weatherman

Motion made and seconded that the Moderator and Asst. Moderator appoint all committees.

Committees:

Pulpit Committee

Bennett
Bro. John Wood
Sis. Jean Bennett *Joyce*
Bro. Richard Hampton *Gue Mullin*

Resolution Committee

John Wood
Bro. Zealous Chaduion
-Rev. Rex Weatherman *Sis Johnson*
Bro. Marlin Bivens *Deathraye*

Sunday School Committee

Sis. Joyce Mullins
Sis. Ocie Higgins
Sis. Donna Woodall

Education Committee

Glenda
-Sis. Sandra Davenport
-Bro. Charlene Ingram *Bro Deathraye*
Sis. Fredda McClain *Lewis Howell*

Obituary Committee

Winters
Sis. John Wood
-Sis. Sue Perry *Alma Christian*
Bro. Jack Muse *Henry Higgins*

Temperance Committee

Sis. Ward Fellabaum *Tommy Blair*
Sis. Wanda Kellett *Sis Weatherman*
Sis. Neomi Mullins *Bro Cellars*

Rules of Order were read by the Asst. Moderator. Dismissed until 11 o'clock service.

Services were called to order by Rev. A. L. McAffrey. Singing was led by Bro. M. M. Bivens, Myrna Woodall at the piano. Song: "Praise Him, Praise Him." Prayer by Rev. Bill Ritter. Special song by Sis. Kellett, Bro. and Sis. Buttram, "I Cannot Find The Way Alone."

Message was brought by Rev. James Deathraye, using II Timothy, 3rd chapter, 15 through 15. Dismissed in prayer and blessing asked on noon meal by Rev. Beryl Blair.

Afternoon service was opened with singing, "The Gloryland Way." Devotional was read by Rev. Rex Weatherman, using 1st John, 3rd chapter. Prayer by Rev. W. W. Fellabaum.

Report from Human Rights Committee read. (Only one member of this committee was present, Rev. W. W. Fellabaum.)

Motion made and seconded to table until next meeting. Carried.

Members on the Human Rights Committee are: Rev. Beryl Blair, Rev. W. W. Fellabaum and Rev. Jerry Rhoades.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint a Budget Committee. Those appointed were Bro. C. C. Higgins, Bro. Marlin Bivens, and Rev. Bill Ritter.

Motion made and seconded that we accept the recommendation from the Santa Fe church.

Motion was made and seconded that the dates and meeting places of all quarterly meetings be printed in the minutes.

1st Meeting—November 11-12, Stobtown Rev. Harry Stares
2nd Meeting—Feb. 10-11, County Line Rev. Burton Perry
3rd Meeting—May 12-13, Clemscott Rev. A. L. McAffrey
Association—Aug. 17-18-19, Camp Ground Rev. W. W. Fellabaum
Alternate, Rev. Rex Weatherman

Motion made and seconded that the Youth Encampment precede the Association by ten days, which will begin August 7, 1967.

Motion made and seconded that the cooks for the Youth Camp be hired to continue through the Associational Meeting.

Motion made and seconded to elect a Youth Director. Rev. L. T. Woodall was elected for the Youth Camp Director for 1967.

Vote of thanks was given to Sandra Davenport for her nice card of thanks for the scholarship given her.

Youth Recommendation read and accepted (see reports).

Resignation of Bro. P. B. Truitt from the Camp Ground Board read and accepted, and his request for auditing of books be granted.

Motion made and seconded that we accept the Camp Ground Treasurer report (see reports).

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Doyle Cox.

Friday night:

Services were called to order by Rev. W. W. Fellabaum. Singing was led by Rev. Alton Seliers, prayer by Sis. W. A. DeHart. Testimony service was led by Bro. Phillip Williamson.

Rev. Rex Weatherman brought the message, using Ephesians 3rd chapter, text: "Unknown Grace of Christ." Great rejoicing and shouting with handshaking given.

Saturday morning:

Services were opened with singing, "Where the Soul Never Dies." Rev. L. T. Woodall read the Devotional, Philippians 2nd chapter, 1 through 8. Prayer by Rev. Woodall.

Minutes were read from Friday's meeting and accepted.

Sis. Kaihy Reed, Duncan, and Bro. W. A. DeHart, Healdton, were appointed to act on the Obituary Committee in the absence of Sis. Wood and Bro. Muse.

Bro. C. C. Higgins was appointed to act on the Pulpit Committee at this session in the place of Sis. Wood.

The Resolution Committee was given the authority to appoint some one to serve at this session. Bro. C. C. Higgins was appointed.

District Ladies Auxiliary report was read and accepted (see reports). Youth Camp Directors report was read and accepted (see reports). Treasurer's report was read and accepted (see reports).

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn until 11 o'clock service. A request was made to remember our boys in VietNam. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Kellett.

Eleven O'clock Service

Service was opened with singing led by Rev. L. T. Woodall, Sandra Davenport at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Danny Farmer. Special song, "We Will Never Say Goodbye," by Sandra Davenport, Ocie Higgins, Cienda Mullins, and Fredda McClain. Sue Mullins at the piano. Special song, "Follow Me," by Sis. Wanda Dillard.

Partial report of the Obituary report was read as this was the Memorial Service. A moment of Silent Prayer was given in memory of the deceased. Prayer by Rev. L. T. Woodall. Rev. Burton Perry brought the Memorial message using Hebrews 12:1.

Saturday evening:

Services were opened with singing, "Walking in Sunlight," led by Rev. A. L. McAffrey with Sis. Velma Cox at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Crooks. Devotional was read by Rev. Alton Sellars using Luke 12:40 and II Timothy 1:4. Prayer by Rev. Sellars.

Minutes were read by clerk, and accepted.

Motion made and seconded we elect a speaker for Memorial service in 1967. Rev. Harry Stares was elected.

Time was given to Rev. Danny Farmer, Business Manager from O.B.C., to give a report from O.B.C.

Resolution No. 1 was read and accepted (see resolutions).

Resolution No. 2 was read and accepted (see resolutions).

Resolution No. 3 was read and accepted (see resolutions).

Obituary Report was read and accepted (see reports).

Sunday School Report was read and accepted (see reports).

Temperance Report was read and accepted (see reports).

Education Report was read and accepted (see reports).

All committees dismissed after reports were read.

Motion made and seconded that the clerk send cards to all standing boards and pastors to meet with the Budget Committee at Healdton, September 12, 1966.

Motion was made and seconded to give a standing vote of thanks to all committees and cooks for a most successful Associational Meeting.

Motion made and seconded that the clerk get the money for supplies from the treasurer.

Minutes for Saturday evening session were read by the clerk and accepted.

Motion made and seconded we adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Wood.

OBITUARY REPORT

The following have gone to meet Jesus: Sis. Mosena Hodges, Bro. Armstrong, Ardmore; Bro. Roberts, ClemScott. Sis. Mildred Morgan, County Line; Bro. Thompson, Bro. George Duncan, Sis. Mattie Galager, Sis. Mattie Graham, Comanche; Sis. Gilmore, Santa Fe; Sis. Reba Ritter, Healdton. Sis. Dave Mitchell, Stobtown; Bro. Alton Parker, Sis. Beulah Roberts, Bro. Joe Kirby, Bro. W. H. Drummond, Sulphur. May we meet them in Heaven that we may rejoice together.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We recommend that each church sponsor a Sunday School teacher's training course each year since we feel this is the greatest need of all our churches. Our Sunday School enrollment was 1038.

EDUCATION REPORT

We recommend that a teacher training course be offered in this association due to the fact that the individual churches are failing to offer adequate training in this field. We realize the need of good teachers and would like to see some action taken.

We recommend that a program be outlined to have O.B.C. students visit in our association to encourage the youth of this association to attend O.B.C. We further recommend that our association concentrate on the Library at O.B.C. so that our college can soon become accredited.

We recommend that each church express their opinion to the educational board on the C.T.S. literature so that further action can be taken.

We recommend that literature be secured for Youth Camp next year.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We recommend that every Pastor, teacher and laymen be urged to proclaim the teaching of God's Word concerning the evils of intemperance, the use and sale of alcoholic beverage, sinful amusements, worldly entanglements, immodest dress, and the God of materialism.

We recommend that total abstinence from anything that would grieve the Holy Spirit in our lives. Eph. 4:30.

YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR REPORT

We had 50 students enrolled, 10 teachers and sponsors, 4 conversions. We received from tuitions, adults meals, donations, and profit on candy and pop, \$393.08. Expenses paid out for supplies, pop, groceries, insurance on children, phone calls regarding insurance, and literature, \$469.36.

C. T. S. REPORT

We recommend that we have Bro. Bailey Thompson as Evangelist for camp in 1967. Bro. Lynn Wood as alternate. We recommend that camp last 10 days instead of 5.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

The Women's Auxiliary of Hopewell No. 2 Association met with the County Line church July 1, 1966, for their annual meeting. Sis. Odessa Walden was the presiding officer. Auxiliaries reporting were: Ardmore, Duncan, County Line, Healdton, Stobtown, and Sulphur. Theme for the meeting was "What Doth The Lord Require of Thee?" Election of officers for 1966-67: President, Osie Higgins, Sulphur; vice president, Floy Reid, Duncan; recording secretary, Jo Robnett, Duncan; treasurer, Velda McComber, Ardmore; corresponding secretary, Geneva Williams, Sulphur. study course chairman, Sue Perry, Ardmore; missions chairman, Wanda Dillard, Ardmore; program prayer chairman, Floretta Rhoades, Ardmore; personal evangelism, Neomi Mullins, County Line.

Enrollment at beginning of year, 45. present enrollment, 52. No. new members, 9; no. lost, 2. Average attendance, 40. Study courses conducted, 25; Daily Bible Readers, 33; No. Family Altars, 20; No. making soul-winning efforts, 24. souls won, 6.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Budget Committee, pastors and chairmen of all standing boards met at the Healdton Free Will Baptist church September 12, 1966 to set up a budget for the 1966-67 church year. The meeting was opened by Moderator Rev. Harry Stares; Devotional by Rev. W. W. Fellabaum.

The Budget Committee recommends the following to all churches of Hopewell No. 2 Association:

1. Insurance for Camp Ground	\$ 130.00
2. Evangelist	110.00
3. Utilities	50.00
4. Postal expense	20.00
5. Camp expense for children	600.00
6. Camp cook and helper	175.00
7. Phone and travel expense	100.00
8. General sponsor for camp	50.00
9. Miscellaneous	100.00
10. Camp Ground improvements	500.00
11. Minutes not to exceed	125.00
Total	1,960.00
Less income profit from pop and candy	100.00
Youth camp enrollment	400.00
	500.00
	1,960.00
	500.00
	\$1,460.00

CHURCH PLEDGES:

Ardmore—\$10.00	County Line—\$8.50	Duncan—\$5.00
Healdton—\$20.00	Clemscott—\$15.00	Tower Height—\$3.00
Sulphur—\$20.00	Santa Fe—\$12.50	Lawton—\$6.00
		Total \$103.00

Executive Board met at Ardmore, August 27, 1966. Meeting was called to order by Rev. Jerry Rhoades. Rev. Doyle Cox was elected as General Board member. Motion and second the Scholarship be given to Sandra Davenport, in view of the fact that the Ministers of Hopewell No. 2 Association will be supplying Bro. Dennis Teague. Dismissed by Bro. M. M. Rivens.

State Delegates are: Sis. Sue Perry, Tower Heights, Ardmore; Sis. Joan Bennett, Stobtown; Sis. Wanda Kellett, Lawton, Sis. Velma Lee Cox, Sulphur. Sis. Valma McAffrey, Healdton.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1—Be it resolved that the separate associations will be called back together as one meeting; vote was 44 to 4 for reuniting.

Resolution No. 2—Be it resolved that any member coming from another faith must prove themselves for one year before holding office in the association. This Resolution superceeds Resolution No. 4 of the 1959 minutes.

Resolution No. 3—Be it resolved that each church receive minutes according to the amount of money sent in, and that the price be according to the price of printing per minute.

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

- ~ Rex Weatherman—1713 Tower Drive, Ardmore CA 3-6765
- ~ W. W. Fellabaum—Box 63, Ratliff City 856-3614
- ~ L. T. Woodall—317 North Avenue, Duncan AL 5-8583
- ~ Noah Smith—Elmore City 788-4348
- ~ Harry Stares—2600 West Beech, Duncan AL 5-1789
- ~ Jerry Rhoades—Rt. 17, Springdale Loop, Ardmore CA 3-5641
- Allen Wood—420 Elm, Ardmore CA 3-5288
- O. H. Foust—108 South Mill, Ardmore CA 3-8092
- ~ James Deatherage—503 East Oak, Marietta CR 6-2575
- ~ Doyle Cox—1302 West 13th, Sudphur NA 2-5526
- J. H. Hill—1110 East End Street, Sulphur
- ~ Burton Perry—1222 West Broadway, Ardmore CA 3-4094
- ~ Beryl Blair—605 Grimes, Comanche
- John Maynard, Retired—Comanche
- ~ Terrall D. Holland—Box 105, Graham Pike-18J25
- ~ A. L. McAffrey—219 South Sixth, Healdton BA 9-0397
- Bill Ritter—Box 146, Ringling NO 2-2432
- ~ Myrl Kellett—2603 A Avenue, Lawton EL 3-4827

DEACONS

- ✓ Wayne Howell—615 15th, N.W., Ardmore CA 3-7149
- ✓ Lamar Howell—Box 1073, Ardmore CA 3-9726
- ✓ Mike McComber—909 10th, N.W., Ardmore CA 3-1383
- ✓ Herman Green—1527 First, N.W., Ardmore CA 3-2838
- ✓ Frand Callender—1614 Mt. Wash Road, Ardmore CA 3-0696
- ✓ Elrner Buck—816 Carter, S.E., Ardmore CA 3-5199
- ✓ Jessie Justice—512 Maxwell, Ardmore CA 3-3731
- ✓ Fred Hodges—904 Q, N.W., Ardmore
 - Zelous Chaudion—Box 4, Alma 121
 - John McIlvain—Box 92, Countyline 73K54, Alma
 - Ralph Mullins—Rt. 1, Alma, Ratliff City 856-3038
- ✓ E. L. Griffin—1415 A2, N.E., Ardmore
- ✓ John Woods—Ardmore
 - Troy Lewellen—Box 201, Graham Pike 63J155
 - Elmer Hickman—1114 Jefferson, Duncan AL 5-1699
 - Dorris Beers—413 N. 21st, Duncan AL 5-2942
 - E. J. Reid—Rt. 1, Marlow OL 8-3574
 - W. A. DeHart—Healdton BA 9-0256
- ✓ Jay Crisp—Ardmore
 - Marlin Bivins—Wirt, Healdton BA 9-1638
- ✓ Herb Welch—500 12th St, S.E., Ardmore
 - Dale Howell—Lone Grove OL 7-4225
 - Roy Spurgeon—Loco
 - LeRoy Spurgeon—Rt. 3, Duncan Alma 56K71
 - Forest Cox—Alma, Ratliff 856-3723
 - Les Dunn—Ringling
 - Herman Hood—Alma 49K7
- ✓ Troy Morris—Rt. 3, Box 155, Ardmore OL 7-4513
- ✓ Joe Balthrop—Rt. 3, Box 154, Ardmore OL 7-4451
- Guy Denney—Star Rt., Lone Grove
- ✓ Henry Christian—Rt. 3, Box 152, Ardmore
- ✓ Arbie Butler—Rt. 3, Ardmore OL 7-4572
- ✓ James Adams—Rt. 3, Ardmore OL 7-4513
- G. O. Palmer—1324 West 18th, Sulphur 1095R
- C. C. Higgins—1400 West 18th, Sulphur 300

C. L. Leming—Rt. 2, Sulphur	174F
John A. Creeks—Duncan	
Dave Spain—Rt. 1, Duncan	AL 5-5023
Jim Watson—1410 North 20th, Duncan	
Archie Smith—1308 Cypress, Duncan	
Floyd Carroll—Duncan	
Charles Leming—Sulphur	
Hershel Jones—Rt. 3, Comanche	
J. P. Williamson—Box 72, Graham	
W. M. Buttram—2501 A Avenue, Lawton	
Othel Kyle—Rt. 3, Ardmore	
Lenord Robinson—Rt. 3, Ardmore	

LICENSED MINISTERS

Alton Sellers—3710 Arlington, Lawton
Elate Briggs—1215 Summit, Lawton

STATISTICS

Churches Reporting	13
Total Membership	1,310
Ordained Ministers	18
Licensed Ministers	6
Deacons	47
Paid Pastors	\$20,561.32
Paid Evangelists	\$2,160.49
Building and repairs	\$8,566.00
Publication and literature	\$2,776.94
Cooperative Fund	\$1,808.51
Missions	\$721.15
State and National	\$99.00
Association Projects	\$332.26
Education	\$339.59
Missionary giving (Cooperative, Missions, Bible College)	\$1,779.24
Miscellaneous	\$4,725.98
Value of Church Property	\$99,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	\$35,000.00

Church and Pastor	Clerks and Addresses	Membership	Members Rec.	Members Dismissed	Members Died
Ardmore—Rev. Jerry Rhoades	Leon Price—Rt. 1	281	36	6	2
Clemson—Rev. T. D. Holland	Patsy Jackson—Rt. 1, Alma	94	14	4	1
Comanche—Rev. Beryl Blair	Oleta Spruill—Rt. 1, Comanche	33	3	0	2
Countyline—Rev. Noah Smith	Jewell Chaudion—Alma	46	5	1	1
Duncan—Rev. Harry Stares	Sue Watson—1410 No. 20th	291	12	17	2
Healdton—Rev. A. L. McAffrey	Charley Truitt—Healdton	72	2	0	1
Lone Grove—Rev. W. W. Fellabaum	J. L. Stugglefield—Lone Grove	66	6	4	0
Marietta—Rev. James Deatherage	Celena Skaggs—Rt. B, Marietta	11	2	4	0
Santa Fe—Rev. L. T. Woodall	John Gilmore—Box 141, Velma	43	3	0	1
Stobtown—Rev. Rex Weatherman	Sue Miller—Rt. 2, Box 64A	109	11	2	1
Sulphur—Rev. Doyle Cox	Emily Palmer—Sulphur	156	15	5	3
Lawton—Rev. Myrl Kelleff	Dorothy Yoder	108	38	6	0
Tower Heights—Rev. Burton Perry	Bill Butler—N. E. Ardmore	7			0

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or whosoever he may request.

2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.

12. At all sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made for the collection of contributions.

Persons expelled from sister churches for any cause or for immorality, should not be received until first giving satisfaction .

Letters of dismissal and commendation are granted to members in good standing, by a vote of the church, on their removal from its limits. Ministers are received and dismissed by letter, as other members are, except when they come or go to other denominations, in which case a council of ministers should be called respecting the action.

It is the duty of the church to unite with some Association and represent itself regularly by delegates and letter.

No person shall be a delegate from a church, unless he or she is a member and appointed by the church he or she claims to represent.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading Rules of Order.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Reports of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

REVISED CONSTITUTION

From long experience, the members of the Church of God denominated Free Will Baptist, being regularly baptizied upon a profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of Chruches to perpetuate a Union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better Church government.

ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP—This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each Church, and upon producing letters they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained Ministers, their wives, Deacons, and their wives and Church Clerks of said union shall be regular members present, by virtue of their office.

ARTICLE 2: NAME—The members thus chosen and assembled with the Ministers and Deacons of the Quarterly or Annual Association of Hopewell No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist being composed of the several Churches of our Union, the association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the Churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

ARTICLE 3: LETTERS—Each church may represent by sending three delegates who will bring Church Letters on the authorized letter form furnished by the association.

ARTICLE 4 Section 1: OFFICERS—The association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, youth camp director, association treasurer, assistant association treasurer and Camp Ground treasurer.

ARTICLE 4, Section 2: BOARD AND COMMITTEES—The standing board of Hopewell No. 2 Association shall the the Executive Board, League Board, Credential Board, and Board of Trustees. Committees as needed will be appointed by the Moderator and they will serve until their work is completed or their successor is appointed.

ARTICLE 5: NEW CHURCHES—Newly Constituted Churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to be petitioned by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are to be found orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 6: QUESTIONS—No questions from any Church shall come under the consideration of the association, unless it has first been considered in its own Churches.

ARTICLE 7: DISCIPLINE—Each ordained Minister shall be a member of a Church in the bounds of said association, and if the Church should hold his letter in question for a period of three months, he must surrender his Credentials to the quarterly meeting, or make restitution. In the event a Church does not abide by this article the association can deal with the Church.

ARTICLE 8: BUSINESS—The annual Association shall supercede the quarterly meetings, in its business. No printed matter can be changed by the quarterly meetings that appear in the yearly associational minutes (Exception: Should the need arise to change the printed matters in the minutes, it can be done by a called meeting of the association, by the Executive Board. Resolutions passed in quarterly meeting shall be in force as long as it does not conflict with the printed matter in the minutes).

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENT—Amendments to this constitution may be made when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session, providing the amendment be presented in writing one day in advance.

ARTICLE 10 Section 1: FINANCE—The work of this association shall be financed by the cooperative program, and such special appeals for funds as may be necessary.

ARTICLE 10 Section 2—Each Church shall send \$5.00 annually for minutes, which will be distributed by the Clerk to the Churches, unless the Church supports cooperatively.

ARTICLE 10 Section 3—Each Church shall send \$5.00 annually for the State Delegate.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

(1) We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these are equal in Divine essence, power and Glory Romans 1:20, "For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God head; so that they are without excuse."

1 John 1:1, "That which was from the beginning which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled, of the work of life."

2: "(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us)"

3: "That which we have seen and heard declare we until you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His son Jesus Christ."

1 John 5:6: "This is he that came by water and blood even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the spirit that beareth witness, because the spirit is true."

7: "For there are three that bear record in heaven; the Father, the Word and he Holy Ghost: And these three are one."

John 17:21: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: That the world may believe that thou has sent me."

22: "And the glory which thou givest me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one;"

23: "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

(2) We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice-

2 Tim. 3:16: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

17: "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

2 Pet. 1:18: "And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the mount."

19: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts;"

20: "knowing his first, that no prophecy, of the scripture is of any private interpretation."

21: "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

(3) We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners: not by constraint, but by choice; being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death, crowned with glory, that He, by the Grace of God, should taste death for every man—

Gen. 3:7: "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

8: "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden."

9: "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"

10: "And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

11: "And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?"

12: "And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat."

13: "And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."

14: "And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life."

15: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed. it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

16: "Unto the woman he said. I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

17: "And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and has eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it, cursed is the ground for thy sake: in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life."

Ecc. 7:29: "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."

Rom. 3:23: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Rom. 7:7: "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die."

Heb. 2:9: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than

the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

Gal. 3:22: "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."

(4) We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principals of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith: "Look unto me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else."

Isa. 45:22. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: For I am God, and there is none else."

2 Cor. 5:14: "For the love of Christ constraineth us because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead."

15 "And that He died for all, that they which lived should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto them which died for them, and rose again."

Isa. 53:5: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

6. "All we like sheep have gone astray ;we have turned every-one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

7: "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."

1 Tim. 4:9: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all ac-ception."

10: "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those that believe."

Acts 17:28: "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring."

29: "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device."

30: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent."

31: "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead?"

Acts 20:20: "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house."

21: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

I Cor. 15:12: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?"

13: "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen."

14: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

15: "Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ, whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not."

16: "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised."

17: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

18: "Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished."

19: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

20: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

21: "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead."

(5) We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life—

John 3:1: "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews"

2: "The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him,"

3: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4: "Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

5: 'Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

6: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit it spirit."

7: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

8: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth; so is everyone that is born of the Spirit."

9: "Nicodemus answered and said unto him: How can these things be?"

10: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?"

(6) We believe that infants are saved by the merits of the Son of God—

Mark 10:13: "And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them."

14: "But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not. for of such is the kingdom of God."

15: "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein."

16: "And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."

Matt. 18:1: "At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2: "And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them."

3: "And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter in to the kingdom of heaven."

4: "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

(7) We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace and be faithful to the end, if they inherit eternal life; for blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city—

Matt. 10:21: "And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death and the father the child; and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death."

22: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

2 Pet. 1:4: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

5: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;"

6: "And to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;"

7: "And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

8: "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

9: "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

10: "Wherefore the rather, brethern, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

Hebrews 6:4: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,"

5: "And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come."

6: "If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."

II Pet. 2:20: "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning."

21: "For it had been better for them not to know the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy washed to the wallowing in the mire."

22: "But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to be wallowing in the mire."

I Tim. 1:19: "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith made shipwreck."

Matt. 10:22: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

(8) We believe that Baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water; and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children, and bids us walk therein—

Matt. 3:13: "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him."

14. "But John forbad him saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?"

15: "And Jesus, answering, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for this it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him."

16: "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straight-way out of the water, and, lo the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him;"

Matt. 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghos."

20: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo. I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Acts 8:36: "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

37: "And Phillip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Chirst is the Son of God."

38: "And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water both Phillip and the eunuch, and he baptized him."

39: "And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Phillip, that the eunuch saw him nor more; and he went on his way rejoicing."

(9) We believe that God in His goodness calls and to a great degree qualifies His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instructors of His blessed word, to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come.

John 14:26: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Heb. 5:4: "And no man taketh this honour unto himself; but he that is called of God, as was Aaron."

I Tim. 1:9: "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murders of mothers, for manslayers."

10: "For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;"

11: "According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust."

(10) Amended to read. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet are Divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children. We interpret the Treaties to teach Christian Baptism by immersion only, and in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and in observance of the Lord's Supper at night only in connection with the washing of the Saint's feet.

21: "For in eating everyone taketh before other his own supper, and one is hungry, and another is drunken."

22: "What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not."

23: "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread;"

24: "And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me."

25: "Then in the same manner also He took the cup; when He had supped, saying, the cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."

26: "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death til He come."

27: "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord."

28: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

29: "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

Rom. 6:4: "Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

5: "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."

1 Pet. 3:21: "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh but the answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

22: "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."

Matt. 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

20: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

John 13:13: "Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am."

14: "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

15: "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

16: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his Lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him."

17: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

(11) We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God and have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons, and clerk, chosen by the church and continuing in office during the good pleasure of the same; and in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th Chapter of Matthew, and other scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members shall be unanimous.

Tit. 1:5: "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee."

Acts 14:23: "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed."

II Thess. 3:6: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

7: "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you."

(12) We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together in conference once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper to "let a man examine himself, and so let him eat." I Cor. 11:28: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup."

John 13:14: "If I then, your Lord and Master have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

Heb. 10:23: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, (for his is faithful that promised);"

24: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

(13) We believe that Sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God."

Gal. 6:10. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

I John 2:9: "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now."

John 17:19: "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

John 15:3: "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

1 Pet. 3:15: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Heb. 12:10: "For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness."

11: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

12: "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;"

13: "And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed."

14: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

15: "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."

Gal. 6:10: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

(14) We believe in the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of the damnation, then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

John 5:28: "Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice;"

29: "And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

Dan. 12:1: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

2: "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some of shame and everlasting contempt."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn Covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will every where hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless up to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

